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SUBJECT: ANANDA MARG DEMONSTRATION, IMMOLATION

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1. AN ESTIMATED 2,000 MEMBERS OF ANAND MARG RALLIED IN NEW DELHI APRIL 23 TO PROTEST CONTINUED IMPRISONMENT IN PATNA OF MARG LEADER ANANDA MURTI. AFTER SPEECHES NEAR RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN, SEVERAL HUNDRED BROKE RANKS BUT WERE HALTED BY TEAR GAS AND CANE- WIELDING POLICE.
2. DESPITE POLICE EFFORTS TO PREVENT SELF- IMMOLATION, ONE FOLLOWER MAY HAVE DONE SO IN NEW DELHI APRIL 24. SITE CHOSEN WAS REMOTE, ANCIENT FORTRESS. BODY UNDOUBTEDLY CHARRED BUT POLICE SUSPECT HE MAY HAVE BEEN DRUGGED/ STABBED EARLIER. (POLICE SUSPECT APRIL 9 " SELF- IMMOLATION" OF ANOTHER FOLLOWER IN BIHAR SIMILARLY RIGGED.) POLICE ARE ALERT TO POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS/ IMMOLATIONS.
3. ANAND MARG HAS APPARENTLY COORDINATED TIMING OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN US (REFTEL), INDIA, AND PERHAPS ELSEWHERE. WE HAVE

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RECEIVED SEVERAL ALMOST IDENTICAL LETTERS (INCLUDING TWO RELAYED
BY SENATORS) FROM ANAND MARG MEMBERS IN US PROTESTING ALLEGED
POISONING OF ANANDA MURTI IN FEBRUARY AND URGING US TO INTERVENE
WITH GOI ON HIS BEHALF. SO FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE, ANANDA MURTI
STILL ALIVE AND FASTING AGAINST IMPRISONMENT.
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